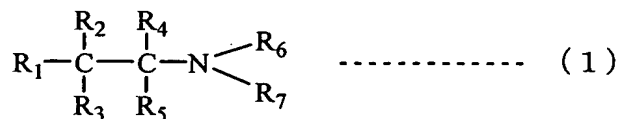


ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to a skin conditioner containing one or more kinds of ingredient selected from the group consisting of an ammonium salt and ions thereof,  
5 a compound represented by the formula (1):



(wherein , the symbols are the same as those defined in the  
10 text) and ions thereof and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof. Examples of active ingredients of the present invention include L-arginine and ethanolamine. The skin conditioner as claimed in the present invention demonstrates remarkable effectiveness as an agent for  
15 restoring the skin's barrier mechanism and function and as an agent for the prevention and treatment of atopic dermatitis.